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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

September 26, 1996

The meeting was called to order by R. Crisson at 4:06 p.m. in the Room 109 of the Sharidan Building.

Present: Eric Beaven, Kimberly Johnston for Vera Brancato, Robert Partel for Gary Brey, Carl Brunner, Biruta Cap, A. Charles Clark, Joanne Cohen, Roberta Crisson, Percy Dougherty, Joseph Elias, Linda Goldberg, Russell Gross, Venu Gupta, James Hall, Beth Herbine, Gerard Innocenti, Sally Knappenberger, Kanchan Kumar, Joseph Lippincott, Kevin McCloskey, Jason McGhin, Judith Shea for Carol Mapes, Richard Morrison, Lisa Norris, Elaine Reed, Mildred Reilley, Charles Roth, John Schellenberg, Brian Schneck, Neil Shea, Judith Smith, JoAnn Spencer, Michael Spencer, Debbie Barlieb for Sandra Vidler, Samuel Westmoreland, John White, Barth Yeboah.

Absent: Okan Akcay, Steven Andelin, Alan Apple, Len Barish, Dan Cates, Margaret Devlin, John Erdmann, David Laubach, Albert Margolis, Renard Sacco, Jean Mae Smith.

Others In Attendance: Angela Scanzello.

I. Announcements

R. Crisson announced that the additional Senate meetings scheduled for November 21 and December 12 conflict with Rep. Council meetings.

J. Hall moved, S. Westmoreland seconded, to try to find dates other than November 21 and December 12. The motion passed.

II. General Education Proposal

R. Crisson indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to continue discussion of the General Education proposal. She reviewed the guidelines established for discussing the proposal, to wit, a fifteen minute time limit for each section of the proposal.

Some of the primary concerns regarding each section of the proposal are listed below.

Section I. Basic Requirements

There was discussion about including a writing intensive requirement; inclusion of a diversity or multi-culture requirement; replacing the computer literacy course with a competency test done within a department thereby freeing up three credits that could be used for free electives; replacement wording for "healthy lifestyles;" the impact of the proposal on students with minors; and the need to address critical thinking as referred to in General Education Goal 1.

C. Middle States Steering Committee

M. Devlin outlined the goals that the Middle States Steering Committee hopes to have accomplished by the end of the current academic year.

D. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee

M. Devlin reported that the following issues will be discussed by the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee this year: technology; Middle States; budget issues; program review; and development of a more positive view of the University's strengths.

VI. Old Business

A. General Education Committee Composition

J. Burnett, chairperson of the University Curriculum Committee, announced that the composition of the General Education Committee will be discussed and voted upon at the September 26 meeting of the University Curriculum Committee.

B. General Education Proposal

R. Crisson provided background information relative to the revision of the General Education program.

G. Brey moved, J. Erdmann seconded, to sit as a committee of the whole to discuss the General Education Model as submitted by the University Curriculum Committee. The motion passed.

It was decided to continue discussion of the General Education Model on Thursday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m., room to be determined.

VII. Special Announcement

D. Laubach announced that anyone interested in speaking at a memorial service for George Monroe should contact him. The memorial service will be held on October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

E. Beaven moved, J. Erdmann seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.


Roberta L. Crisson, President


Lisa A. Norris, Secretary

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